

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 20 remain pending in the present case.

102 REJECTIONS

In the above referenced Office Action, Claims 12 and 14 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Hanna (U.S. Patent No. 6,542,844). The present Office Action also indicates Claim 13 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the allowable subject matter and have rewritten independent Claim 12 to add the elements and limitations of Claim 13. Applicant respectfully asserts amend independent Claim 12 is allowable.

Applicant respectfully asserts that Claim 14 is allowable as depending from allowable independent Claims 12.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating Claims 1-11 and 15 - 20 are allowed.

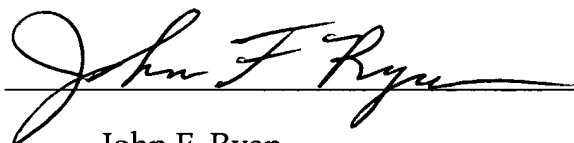
CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the remaining Claims. The Examiner is urged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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